

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 725

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Upsilon Xi fraternity upon the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

WHEREAS, Upsilon Xi was founded at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee by Duran Palmertree, James Hubbard, Dale Huff, and Duane Lambert in the summer of 1962; and

WHEREAS, united in Judeo-Christian principles of brotherhood and service to others, young men of Upsilon Xi form a profound bond of fraternal love and exude a unison force in mission to develop a culture of excellence, centering on the non-negotiables of strong fellowship, extensive service, and solid academic expectations; and

WHEREAS, chartered on September 26, 1962, Upsilon Xi is the oldest and most accomplished fraternity on the campus of Lee University, producing more prominent ministers, doctors in the medical and academic fields, and more success stories within the world of business than any other campus organization; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the four founders, five men rounded out Upsilon Xi's charter membership roster; they were Richard Goodman, Billy J. O'Neal, Jim McClain, Donnie Shoemaker, and Roger Coursen; and

WHEREAS, Upsilon Xi's founding members selected as the club's scripture I Corinthians Chapter 10, Verse 31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."; and

WHEREAS, under the veil of this precious biblical mantra, Upsilon Xi has stood the test of time and has become a strong and God-glorying organization that has provided consistent and dedicated service on the campus of Lee University and beyond for half a century; and

WHEREAS, Lee University has become one of the largest Christ-centered private institutions of higher learning in Tennessee, and its premier fraternity, Upsilon Xi, has nurtured

the well-being and fostered the spiritual development of fine men who are now serving in Churches of God throughout the southeastern United States and beyond; and

WHEREAS, most notable of Upsilon Xi's service projects is the "Sadie Hawkins" event, Lee University's oldest annual tradition. Other significant projects over the years have included the "Love Atlanta Run" (1987), the Upsilon Xi Clocktower project (1989-1994), and the Ceremonial Mace (2003). Faithfully and selflessly, Upsilon Xi brothers have raised funds and given of their time to minister to individual and community needs as they become known; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to consider those organizations that are value-based and intrinsically driven to develop character and moral fortitude among young men and women who are our nation's spiritual, governmental, and societal leaders in waiting; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate the officers and members, both past and present, of Upsilon Xi fraternity of Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee, upon the occasion of their 50th anniversary, and we extend our best wishes for every success for this fine organization in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.